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REQUEST TO APPROVE DRAWING CHANGES

Dear Commissioner:

Fig. 1 of the above-identified patent application was filed with obvious errors. Please enter the accompanying formal drawings that correct these obvious errors. Inasmuch as the attached drawings are copies of the formal (inked) drawings no red corrections have been included. As discussed below, no new matter has been added.


The corrected drawings include three corrections to Fig. 1: the arrows from numerals 57 and 59 have been corrected to point to the proper location, and the orientation of downstream powered valve 16 has been corrected. The corrections are supported in the specification, and no new matter has been added. In Fig. 1, as filed, the arrows from upstream and downstream openings 57 and 59 point to the wrong location on the drawings, as is made clear at page 4, lines 24-26 and at page 5, lines 12-13. At page 4, lines 24-26, the specification states, in part, "the dispenser 12 may further comprise a variety of threaded and unthreaded reducing bushings 56 and nipples 58 that may be secured to the upstream and downstream openings 24 and 26 of the connector 18." Further, at page 5, lines 12-13, the specification states, in part, "[a] powered valve 14 or 16 is operably connected to the upstream or downstream opening 57 or 59 of the dispenser 12 . . . ." From these passages, among other places, it is clear that the lines 57 and 59 should be as shown in the corrected Figure 1.

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The orientation of powered valve 16 has also been reversed. This is an obvious error that would be readily apparent to someone of ordinary skill in the art upon reading the specification. Operation of the system by opening and closing powered valves 14 and 16 is described at page 7, line 21, through page 8, line 9. A person of ordinary skill in the art would readily recognize this obvious error and would readily recognize that, for the system to function as described at page 7, line 21, through page 8, line 9, the orientation of the powered valve 16 should be reversed, as shown in corrected Figure 1.

In view of the foregoing, it is requested that the attached drawings be entered into the application and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

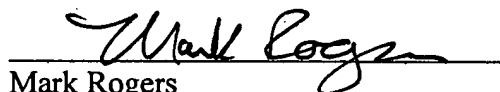


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